

GOVERNMENT/INDUSTRY AERONAUTICAL CHARTING FORUM
Instrument Procedures Group
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HISTORY RECORD

FAA Control # 92-02-116

SUBJECT: FAA Quality Control During Development of Instrument Procedures and FAA Training of TERPS Personnel

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: In the 1960s and 1970s the FAA's quality control over the development and review over instrument procedures, especially approach procedures was generally quite good. It appears that such review and control is not what it was. Some of this can probably be attributed to reductions in personnel. Other reasons are reduced training and possible lack of supervision. Several years ago the FAA implemented computer terminal training for a portion of the TERPS course. The curriculum in this computer training program has never been updated since its inception, thus considerable negative training is the result.

RECOMMENDATION: The FAA should undertake a comprehensive review of its procedures mission. Proper procedural obstacle clearance and procedural flyability are critical components for safety of flight. The FAA is obligated by its public trust to provide the highest quality procedures that are humanly possible. The TERPS computer training program should immediately be brought into compliance with current criteria and then so maintained.

COMMENT: This recommendation affects internal FAA policies, procedures, and programs.

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INITIAL DISCUSSION (MEETING 92-02): Withdrawn by ALPA. Action: None Required

MEETING 93-01: Unavailable

MEETING 94-01: (From Frank Parr AVN-210 notes) ALPA complains of poor QC possibly caused by the PLATO system never being updated (possibly not sending specialists to update training). After discussion ALPA withdrew this item again. **Status:** Item Closed.

Editor's note; this was closed (withdrawn) at meeting 92-02